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SUBJECT: TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TUAC) REQUEST  
FOR ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS

REF: A) OECD PARIS 8033; B) STATE 58891; C) OECD PARIS  
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1. IN CONNECTION WITH DECISION TO BE REACHED AT MARCH 24  
HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING RE TUAC ECONOMIC CONSULTA-  
TIONS, MISSION MAY SUPPORT TUAC MEETING WITH LIAISON COM-  
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MITTEE (AT PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE LEVEL) ALONG WITH AT-  
TENDANCE BY SIR DOUGLAS ALLEN, IN HIS CAPACITY AS EPC  
CHAIRMAN. GIVEN BOTH SUGGESTED TIMING AND FORMAT OF MEETING,  
IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE TO SEND WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES.  
U.S. WOULD ALSO PREFER TO HAVE MEETING HELD EARLIER IN  
WEEK -- E.G., MAY 3, ALTHOUGH MISSION MAY ACCEPT MAY 5 DATE  
IF OTHER LIAISON COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE STRONG PREFERENCE

FOR IT. PREFERENCE FOR EARLIER DATE IS DUE TO U.S. DESIRE TO AVOID FORMAL ASSOCIATION OF TUAC MEETING WITH INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. SUGGEST THAT MISSION CONVEY LATTER POINT TO OTHER G-7 DELS AND TO SECRETARIAT, AS APPROPRIATE.

2. FYI. DEPARTMENT OFFICER DISCUSSED PROSPECTIVE TUAC CONSULTATIONS AFL-CIO OFFICIALS, WHO SUPPORT CONCEPT OF ORGANIZED LABOR HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE VIEWS KNOWN. IDEA OF OECD REPRESENTATION BY LIAISON COMMITTEE AT PERM REP LEVEL AND, POSSIBLY, EPC CHAIRMAN, WAS PRESENTED TO AFL-CIO, WHICH CONSIDERS THIS TO BE ACCEPTABLE AND HAS DESIGNATED RUDY OSWALD, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, AS REPRESENTATIVE. THEY HAD NOT KNOWN OF BERNARD'S INTENTION TO HAVE TUAC PRESENT FOUR PAPERS ON SUBJECTS MENTIONED REFTEL C. INSTEAD, THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT PLAN WOULD BE FOR REGIONAL LABOR REPRESENTATIVES TO PREPARE ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION PAPERS (E.G., AFL-CIO TO DO PAPER ON U.S.). THEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THEY COULD ACCEPT EUROPEAN LABOR VIEWS ON INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE AND WOULD FIND SWEEPING ANTI-PROTECTIONIST TRADE STATEMENT DIFFICULT. SINCE AFL-CIO HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED DESIRE FOR REGULAR, LONG-TERM ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS (AND HAD ALSO MENTIONED INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF ENERGY POLICY CONSULTATIONS) THERE WAS CONCERN THAT IF PURPOSE OF EARLY MAY MEETING WAS TO BE PUBLICITY VEHICLE FOR TUAC VIEWS AND WAS DESIGNED AS CONFRONTATION RATHER THAN AS INITIATION OF TRUE CONSULTATIONS, THEN AFL-CIO AND TUAC WOULD BE JEOPARDIZING LONGER-TERM OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER MEETINGS. AFL-CONFIDENTIAL

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CIO REPS STATED THAT THEY, AT LEAST, DO NOT WISH TO HAVE ATMOSPHERE POISONED IN FIRST MEETING. NOTE: AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE DISCUSSION THAT THEY DO NOT MIND THE IDEA OF PUBLICITY FOR UNION VIEWS AFTER SESSION TAKES PLACE. END FYI

3. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH MISSION'S ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN PARAS 7 AND 8, REFTEL A CONCERNING OECD'S NOT ISSUING ITS OWN STATEMENT. ALSO AGREE ON NECESSITY FOR OECD THINKING ON ECONOMIC SITUATION TO BE PRESENTED IN UNIFIED MANNER IN SINGLE PRESENTATION BY ALLEN BASED ON LAST EPC PLENARY AND UPDATED BY RESULTS OF APRIL 29 BUREAU MEETING. MISSION SHOULD ATTEMPT TO GET AGREEMENT AMONG OTHER LIAISON COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT THEY WILL LIMIT REPRESENTATION TO PERMREP LEVEL AND PRESS FOR AGREEMENT ON NECESSITY OF UNIFIED PRESENTATION BY ALLEN.

4. SUGGEST MISSION KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH IRVING BROWN OF AFL-CIO REGARDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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